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A new command
I give you:
**Love One
Another**

John 13:34



Bible verse of the month

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples. If you love one another,”

John 13 34,35 NIV



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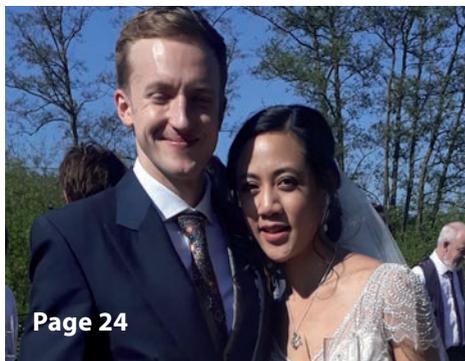
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Editorial

In this month's Good News please read about all the activities our church family has taken part in. Lindfield Village Day is on the first Saturday in June, so we look forward to the many different ways of enjoying the day and meeting everyone in our village.

Lemonade will once again feature in our stall. Come and take part in all that is on offer. Danny explains exactly what Messy Church is all about. Do see how our children were able to enjoy 'doing' so many things when they attended the last Messy Church session.

Please read Ray Tijou words that tells us how to 'Make a stand for Jesus'. Ray has shared with us a hymn he has written. See the photographs of Jonathan and Yuen-Hui's wedding when they were married in our Church.

Enjoy reading our Good News and the sunshine that I hope will continue.

God Bless and may we be thankful for our lovely village.

Anne

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Dear friends

Here we are at the start of the summer months. June has the longest daylight, though not always the warmest of weather, but I have hope as I write this letter as already we have already had a few warm spells. The other day as I took my Labrador Bracken out for a rather late morning walk I realised I should really have had a hat on to cover the back of my head, which is slightly follicly challenged. The temperature was not unbearable, but that there had been a number of dry days was evident in how the ground that not that long ago had been thick mud was starting to take the hardness of concrete.

Through the field I was walking with the firm grey soil beneath my feet, but then my route took me down a shady lane. The trees along either side brought what I felt to be welcome shelter but it was also rather too obvious the direct sunlight had not yet reached the track's surface, meaning puddles and mud were still in plentiful supply. This brought joy to the dog, who always dives into the muddiest of water, or runs through the splashiest of puddles without a second thought, and probably enjoyed seeing these as a means to cool off. The lane however led me to suspect that I had been too optimistic in choosing to wear my trainers rather than my usual dog walking boots. The puddles had to be skirted round or jumped, I avoided the worst of them but also got slightly wet feet. I would discover on my return home that even the front

of my socks had changed to the colour of the mud, it having seeped through the breathable mesh at the front. What I also need to tell you is that this is not the first time this has happened to me, but I thought I knew better; the weather had been dry, all looked well, it wouldn't happen again – but it did.

Perhaps this letter has shown to you that it is not just “mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun” but a few of us Scots are occasionally mad enough to go out with their dogs at that time too. I think there is more to it though; where light has not fallen there still lies danger. What may seem welcoming and comfortable in society is not always beneficial to us in the long term.

We are not called to live in the same way as others, 1John1 reminds us of the instruction of Isaiah (2: 5), who calls the people of God to “walk in the light of the Lord”. Jesus makes us clean of sin, he washes us whiter than white, but if we stick our foot in a muddy puddle we will find that we need to put our sock in the wash. If we go down that path again we may well get muddy again, so repentance is necessary, and we should prepare ourselves, equipped with His word and the Holy Spirit to journey in the right way.

May the Son shine on you, as you walk His way.

Keith

Family News

Moving

Doreen Wood, a member of this church for many years, has moved to the West Country to live with her family owing to ill health. No address details available at the moment.

Heather Swann

In Touch

On 24th April we held an "Open Evening" when we invited members to talk about their experiences as volunteers. This proved to be very interesting and demonstrated the great variety of voluntary work that is available. Those members who contributed said that the work is very rewarding and the talks led to some interesting discussion throughout the evening.

Our next meeting on the 26th June will be a visit to Colwood Gardens starting at 6.30pm. Please look out for details on the notice board nearer the time. Everyone, as usual, is very welcome to join us.

Janet Wade

The Fellowship

The next meeting of The Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, 27th June, at 2.30 pm. Our speaker will be Moira Wells who will tell us about the resurrection of a school after a devastating fire.

There will be the usual B & B stall and, at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and time to catch up with friends.

All who come will be most welcome.

Pat Phillips

Lunch Fellowship

The Lunch Fellowship meets again on Wednesday June 6th and an invitation extends to all who are over 60 and would like to attend. (the 11.30am service in Church is also held on this morning and you are very welcome to attend that too)

If you haven't been before do let me know (preferably before Tuesday 5th for catering purposes) but don't worry if it is a last minute decision we can always fit you in !

I look forward to seeing you.

Sue Waller

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Family News

Wedding Thank You!

This comes with a warm thank you to our Church Family for all your love, support and best wishes for Jonathan and Yuen-Hui's wedding on 5th May. Thank you to ALL those who played a practical role, including Keith who led a beautiful Service and gave a very special and personal address, to those who were able to attend and to all those who offered prayers and best wishes. It was wonderful to see our family and friends warmly welcomed and relaxed in our lovely church. Thank you all so much. God bless you.

With love and thanks from all the Hall Family.

“We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way.”

Martin Luther King Jr

Tunes and Tea

The final result at the event in April enabled us to send £350 to support the work of the Community Nurses at St Peter and St. James. £60 was passed to the church. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to make the event a success.

Our next Tunes and Tea is on Saturday 7th July at 3-00 when the Sunday Morning Singers will present a concert of American Songs.

We continue to look for more singers and if you would care to join us, you would be most welcome. No audition required just the joy of singing.

Peter Swann



The one armed conductor - Peter receiving attention from Catherine at a Sunday Morning Singers rehearsal!

Village Day

Saturday 2nd June 2018

Lindfield Village Day is one of the most enjoyable days in the year when thousands of people enjoy a fun day out on Lindfield Common.

Lindfield United Reformed Church have a stall and, following last year's very enjoyable experience, we will once again be running a lemonade stall combined with a fun cup stacking competition and gift bags for children.

The lemonade we offer is freely given to all with Gods love. Last year over 800 drinks were enjoyed on a lovely sunny day.

There is a prize for the fastest cup stacker!

Many volunteers are needed to help to prepare and serve the lemonade, run the cup stacking activity and to hand out booklets and gift bags to the children. We realise that you will wish to enjoy the event but please also spare an hour to help on the stall. Please may you sign up on the sheet in the church for slots between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Thank you
The Outreach Team



Bible by the Beach

Bible by the Beach is a Christian conference held every year over the May Day bank holiday weekend at various locations around the centre of Eastbourne. Lydia and I went a couple of years ago and returned this year over a warm weekend of glorious sunshine.

The theme was 'Being faithful in a changing world' and in the bible study we looked at Romans chapter 8 and considered our identity in Christ – Sonship, Sovereignty and Security (more on that later...). During the day there are a range of seminar streams covering topics as diverse as 'being faithful through the storms', 'faith in a digital world' and 'faith in a material world'. We chose a stream entitled 'Still Good News? Faith in a time of global sexual revolution' with an excellent speaker called Glynn Harrison

who challenged us that we have 'a better story' that the world around us needs to hear.

There were around 900 adults and 300 children at the conference over the weekend and it was a really good time of worship, teaching and fellowship. We have come away with seven books to read and plenty to think about.

David Goodchild

Picking up on the three main bible studies, we were reminded that as children of God we should revere God but not be afraid of Him and that our most intimate relationship should be with God.



The joy that we know from having children is a reflection of God's feelings for us. We were challenged to give up what we cannot keep, to gain what we cannot lose. There were echoes of our 'Abba' weekend in this first session, which was entitled "Sonship".

The second session "Sovereignty" looked at how life can very quickly become chaos and God uses every seemingly random event and our suffering to transform us to be more like Jesus – controversial perhaps?

The teaching also touched on pre-destination and human choice - still a mystery!

The final bible study "Security" asked 'can we be confident that God will keep His promises?' We reflected that as God gave His one and only Son to save us and Romans starts with 'no condemnation' and ends with 'no separation', we can be sure of God's commitment to His pre-destined, adopted children.

Thankfully there was more variety in the teaching on offer than the local eateries – I have never seen so many Italian restaurants - yummy

Lydia Goodchild



World Cup Fever

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life.

As Paul writes:

'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 3:13b,14

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus.

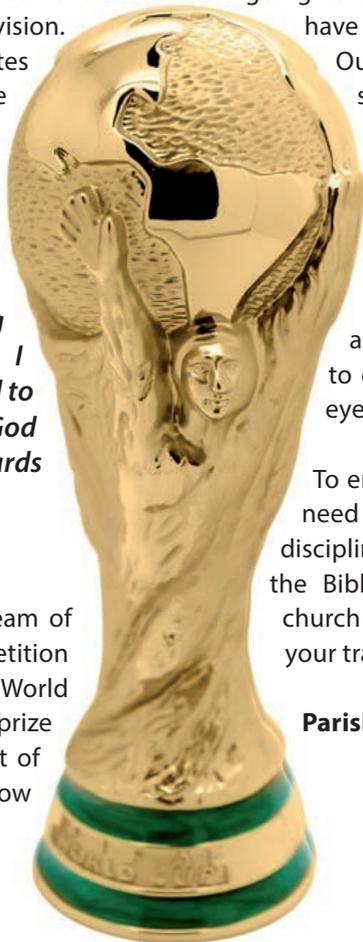
But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand.

Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our godly muscles we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes.

To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

Parish Pump



Lindfield Open Gardens 2018

Sunday 10th June 1pm-5pm

More than ten gardens in Lindfield are opening to the public to raise funds for St Peter and St James Hospice.

For 2018 we have some new gardens as well as many favourites from last year. All the gardens reflect the interests of the owners, with a wide variety of plants and garden designs. This is a great opportunity to visit some hidden and often unexpected gems and an enjoyable event supporting a worthy cause.

You'll be able to buy plants, books and jam, enjoy tea and homemade cake as well as getting inspiration for your own garden and advice from the garden owner.

We look forward to welcoming you



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Finches Gardens
Chaloner Close (far end)
Lewes Road,
Meadow Lane & Meadow Drive**

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available on the day at any of the gardens
For map and information www.lindfield-gardens.co.uk**



Lindfield Open Gardens



St Peter & St James Hospice
Hospice care in the south of Sussex

Saturday Prayer

During the serious outbreak of foot-and-mouth in the United Kingdom in 2001 members from the three churches in the village met together on a Saturday morning to pray for farmers and all who were affected by this outbreak.

This prayer meeting has continued almost every Saturday since that time with the focus on praying for our government, national issues and those more local, including the farming industry.

We usually have information from our contact at parliament so that we can pray more knowledgeably. Fifteen to twenty people gather from 8.45am to 9.30am at one of the churches moving around each church monthly. The time of praise and prayer is very uplifting and it is good for us to unite in prayer as a group of Christians from the village.

Once a month we have an update from Redeeming Our Community (ROC) on new initiatives mainly, but not specifically, in the city areas.

If you would like to be part of this praying community just come along. We are at the Tiger, All Saints, during June.

Carol Walters

Wednesday Worship

At the start of this year we began to offer a new time to meet together to worship God and reflect on His word.

These 30 minutes, at 11.30am, on the first Wednesday of the month, give an opportunity to come before the Lord in the middle of the week. The simple service with a couple of hymns, a time of prayer, and a short address is held just before the lunch fellowship, therefore nourishing the spirit before tums are being fed.

However do note that there is a slight break in between the two events, and that this time with the Lord is not intended to be only for those coming to the church to enjoy lunch, but is open to all.

I look forward to maybe seeing you, in church, on the 6th of June.

Keith Morrison

**Wednesday
Worship**

June 6th
Join us at 11:30am

Wider World

South Sudan

Aid workers are warning of a forgotten crisis in South Sudan and the country is “heading towards a scenario of despair”. Violence has flared again as peace talks are soon being held aimed at resolving the civil war that has lasted since 2013.

The latest troubles are caused by rival groups trying to be in a favourable position as the delegates reach the negotiating table. Since the conflict started around two million people have fled as refugees to nearby countries and another two million are displaced from their homes within the country. Famine and disease are spreading throughout the country and the government has collapsed in many areas.

People are therefore living in constant fear and insecurity, suffering both mentally and physically. The agencies warn, after a meeting in Juba, the capital, that in the coming months the heavy seasonal rains will add even more hardship for the people.

Accurate figures are hard to come by, but the UN estimates that between 50,000 and 300,000 people have been killed and many more injured in the conflict. Around 85% of the refugees are women and children. As well as local famine, much of South Sudan is affected by cholera and the UN has warned that more than seven million people (almost two-thirds of the population) will be unable to feed themselves without sustained humanitarian intervention.

Worryingly, the United States, who are the largest aid donors to South Sudan are said to be reviewing their assistance programmes as the leaders are reluctant to live up to their commitments to end the civil war.

We pray that aid will continue and that a solution will soon be found for a lasting peace.

Carol Marsh



Sunday Services

The **10.00am** service is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities (including crèche). Lighthouse (Junior church) is for children and young people up to age 14.

Coffee is served after the morning service.

Holy Communion (4th Sunday)

At **6:30pm** Something Different. This is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

Personal prayer is available after every service. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We do not take up an offering during the services, those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service.

Recordings of services can be borrowed free from the church.

Prayer Meetings

Mon	9:30am	An Hour of Prayer
Thur	8:00pm	Church Prayer Evening 'Engine Room' (4th Thursday)
Sat	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting. Venue rotates between the three churches

Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the blue book on the concourse table.

Regular Activities

Mon	10:00am	Art Group
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	6:30pm	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section (8-11 years)
	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade - Company Section (11+ years)

Tue	10:00am	Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers - term time)
	7:30pm	In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages

Wed	2:30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages
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Thur	8:00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)
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Fri	5:00pm	Rooted
	7:30pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)

Sun	7:30pm	18-25 Group
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The church is open on Tuesday (Concourse) 10:00am - Noon.

June Church diary

May 28th Monday		Spring Bank Holiday	16th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
29th Tuesday		Start of Holiday Club (to Friday 1st)	17th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Rev Keith Morrison
2nd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints VILLAGE DAY		6:30pm	Something Different David Walters
3rd Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Rev Keith Morrison Something Different	21st Thursday		House Groups meet this week
	6:30pm	Rev Keith Morrison	24th Sunday	10:00am	Communion Rev Keith Morrison
6th Wednesday	11:30am 12:30pm	Wednesday Worship Lunch Fellowship		6:30pm	Evening Worship Rev Keith Morrison
7th Thursday		House Groups meet this week	26th Tuesday	6:30pm	In Touch group visit to Colwood Gardens
9th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	27th Wednesday	2:30pm 7:30pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
10th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Peter Holloway Prison Fellowship	28th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
	6:30pm	Communion Rev Keith Morrison	30th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
15th Friday		Messy Church			

YOUTH



Hello!

I've had a few people ask me recently 'What actually happens at Messy Church?'

So, I thought I would outline a typical Messy Church at Lindfield URC.

The doors open at 4pm, and the children race through the doors to the registration table, quickly followed by their parents. The young people then get a name badge and continue through the church and head for the upper room.

In the upper room there is a wide selection of games, as well as a soft corner for anyone with babies. The children are encouraged to play in the upper room until about 4.15, when I will appear to tell everyone the theme of the day and allow them to head down to the lounge or hall for the craft time.

The craft time runs for 45 minutes. There is a selection of different crafts to do, which all take a varying amount of time. There is always a food craft, where the children can make their pudding for later on after dinner; and there is always a craft involving paint!

Other crafts have included card making, paper chains, bracelets, seed planting – the list goes on! All the crafts on the day fit with the theme. We have had themes such as 'God loves us', 'God loves creation', and we have also had themes based on people in the bible such as Esther or Abraham or Noah!

There are sometimes challenges as well as crafts. In the past we have had hopscotch in the lounge, boat racing in the garden and even big feet racing!



The older boys often look forward to about 4.45, when the Lego comes out. They are encouraged to make something relating the theme, but this does not always happen! When time reaches 5pm, we all head into the church for the story time.

This is the opportunity we have to teach the young people (and the parents) about what we find in the bible. I usually find out who has made each craft, remind them of the theme for the day, and then read them the relating story from the bible. We have also shown the story in video form, which the children loved!

After about 10 or 15 minutes, the hall is ready for us to go through for dinner, but before we do, we always say grace. We get three wiggly fingers ready and together we say '3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, we thank you, heavenly Father, for our tea!'

At this point, the children are usually a blur as they race through to the hall for their dinner.

PAGES



Dinner is a great part of Messy Church, as it is a brilliant opportunity to sit, eat, and talk to those who have come along. Sometimes the conversation can wander onto the story they just heard, and other times it's about their day, or how their week is going. But it is always an enjoyable and relaxed time to chat.

After our main, there is cake for the adults, and the children can help themselves to the pudding they made earlier!

Then as people slowly finish, they drift off home – bellies full and ready for their weekend.

Messy Church is open to all ages, so do feel free to come and see it in action. It is free to come along, and dinner is for everyone, not just the children!

I hope this has helped you understand a little more about Messy Church but do pop by on our next one (June 15th!).

See you there!!
Danny

Danny

Boys' Brigade

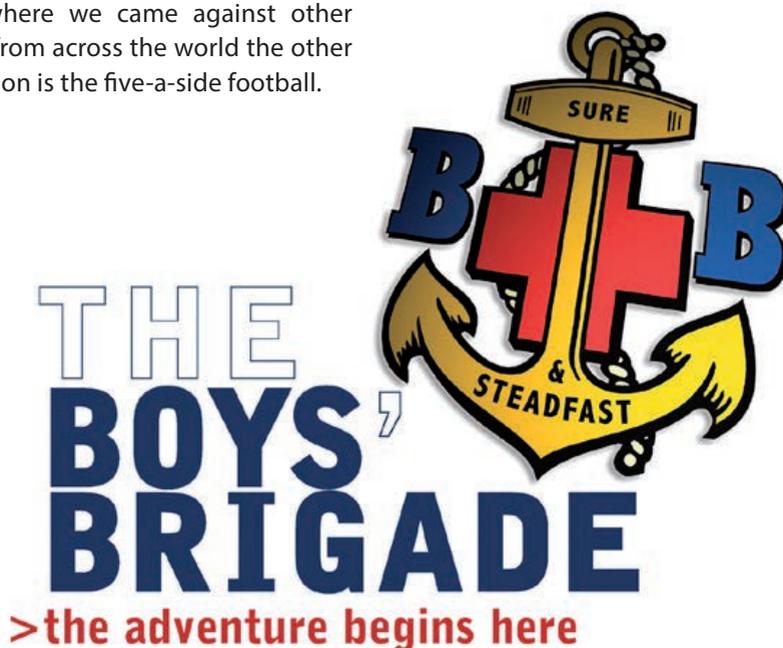
In mid-April, a few of our Junior Section boys went away for the weekend to Carrot Wood. We joined with other sections in the battalion, making 29 in total. The weather was amazing so we spent most of the time outside. In addition to activities such as archery, swimming, BMX biking and model making, the boys learnt about finding time every day to slow down to talk to and listen to God.

The Juniors also entered two competitions - the International Team Games competition which is a potted sports event covering six activities. Our times for were very good and we wait to see where we came against other sections from across the world the other competition is the five-a-side football.

Amid all the sunny days this took place on a wet Saturday but we still had fun. WE had a joint team with the 9th Brighton Company.

At the time of writing all sections of the Company are preparing for our Awards Evening, which takes place end of May. Following this, we run our summer programme when we hope to get outdoors most Monday evenings.

David Walters



NOOMA

Once a month at Synapse (18-30's group), we have been working through a series of videos called 'NOOMA' from American Pastor Rob Bell, exploring various aspects of life and faith. The clips are each about 10 minutes long, and comes with questions to discuss afterwards. If you're wondering where the name comes from, NOOMA is the phonetic spelling of the Greek word 'πνευμα' (pneuma), which means 'spirit' 'wind' or 'breath'.

This month we watched the video entitled 'Sunday'. Do you go to Church because you're supposed to? Because it is what you have always done? Is the way we do things what God had in mind for his Church?

Rob Bell uses the analogy of giving his wife a bunch of flowers. He could find a lovely bunch, choose the right colours, and when he gives them to his wife, she would be over the moon and express how much it means to know he was thinking of her. But what if he replied, 'It's my duty' or 'I thought you needed them'. Would she still feel the same way about the flowers?

Probably not, no. She wanted to know they had come from his heart, and if she doesn't have his heart, words and actions don't mean anything.

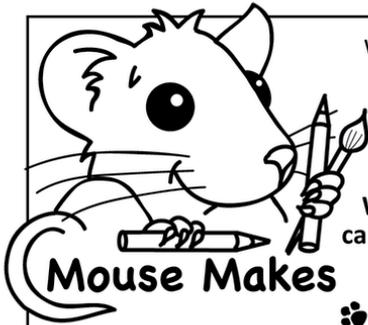
This can be the same with Church. People can go to Church every week, sing the songs and say the prayers, but if it is just going through the motions, is this honouring God? He goes on to say "God doesn't want empty ritual, he wants our hearts. When God has our hearts, we start to care about the things and people God cares about".

We all found the video thought-provoking. We discussed the difference between religion and being a follower of Jesus. We discussed how we've all been guilty of going to Church out of duty. We discussed how to combat these feelings and make sure each experience of attending Church is focused on God, not which rota you are on that week.

These are such valuable things to be aware of and talk about. I look forward to the challenges next month's video will bring us!

Ruth Goodall





Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from ?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



- Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.
1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
 2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
 3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
 4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



Which animal goes with which bible character?



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.

Look up **Proverbs 30:24-28** to find out why.

D O G C A M E L A M B G A
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T
I U R A V E N U S X D T F
S A B U L L K S H E E P R
H I S N A K E T E O E I O
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals in the word search

- SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL



OM Weekend

15th & 16th September 2018

Lindfield URC and Operation Mobilisation (OM) are jointly putting much effort into arranging a weekend of events, at the Church, for the 15th and 16th of September this year.

How did the weekend come about?

Keith's vision for our contribution to Mission is that, in addition to the essential work of prayer and generous financial provision, the Church community should get more involved with the missions it supports. The idea of this weekend in September arose during discussions, on this vision, that Keith and Missions Group have had over the past year with Operation Mobilisation (OM). It is the first joint initiative arising from them.

Why OM?

First: Godly Commitment. It will be a privilege to spend time with people: "completely sold out to Jesus and his commands." OM describes itself as: "At its heart, OM is a movement of God, made up of people who are completely sold out to Jesus Christ and His commands. Moved by the Holy Spirit, we cross boundaries, we push limits. We want OM to remain a movement of God, utterly dependent upon Him. We show our dependence

through our commitment to His Word and by waiting upon Him in prayer."

"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples." – PSALM 96:3

Second: Mentoring and Discipleship. OM's attention to mentoring and discipleship, its global experience in spreading the Good News and turning "disciples into disciple makers" will be used to great advantage when Mark Handley, who leads OM(London), coaches us in: "Sharing one's Faith" on the Saturday afternoon. Keith and the Elders have decided that worshippers at the other village churches, and those in the Central Sussex United Area (URC and Methodist), will be invited to this. There will be more information in the July/August Good News.

"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ." – Colossians 1:28

Third: News of the spreading of God's Word. It is an opportunity to hear the news of OM's work both during sharing sessions and informally during the reception and early supper, after-service coffee, and at other times especially for those offering accommodation.

Lindfield URC & Operation Mobilisation

Saturday - Sunday 15th/16th September

Learning - Fellowship - Praise - Sharing

Saturday Afternoon and Evening

2.30 pm - OM "Sharing One's Faith" (Parallel activity for children)

5.00 pm - Reception followed by family-friendly two-course supper

After Supper - OM Vision and sharing of mission work experience by young people

Sunday Morning

10.00am Service: Preacher Simon Lunt from OM (London)

During Service and after coffee: Updates on OM missions supported by Lindfield URC: OM (London) and OM (Kosovo)



We shall meet, and hear from, both those who for whom it is a life-time's work and also those spending, or recently returned from, shorter periods in the field. We are delighted that we will have with us, Simon Lunt, who, with his wife Becky, works with Arab communities in North East London for OM (London), and Rupe Johnson from the OM team in Peja, Kosovo. Rupe and his wife, Geni, will be just back in the UK, in September, for four months. Geni is expecting their first baby in October, and, if she feels able, will join Rupe for our weekend.

"And Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'". Mark 16.15

Arrangements: There will be no charge for the weekend just the usual collection, gift-aided or not, to defray costs, with any surplus being added to the Mission Giving total for September/October for OM's work in Peja.

The programme is shown below. If you want more information, or are able to offer accommodation on the Saturday night, please speak to a member of the Missions Group. Nearer the date there will be information on how to sign up for the Saturday events.

"We need to convey our great JOY in the Lord, and that by sharing our faith we are doing His will."

Marriage Celebration

Jonathan Hall and Yuen-Hui Lim were married in LURC on 5th May in a lovely service led by Keith, who interspersed his address with personal references to triathlons.

Sung worship was led by Andy Woolridge and a team from Holy Trinity Brompton, Yuen's home church, who performed at the Royal Albert Hall the following week!

Songs included "In Christ Alone" and "Amazing Grace", while the Bride and Groom left the Church after signing the registrar to the joyful music of the Electric Light Orchestra and "Mr Blue Sky" – and the sun certainly was shining all day in a cloudless sky!



Bridegroom and Best Man, Alex, nervously await the arrival of the Bride while the band warm up!!

Make a stand

At the recent Church Meeting Dan McQuillin was telling us about the freedom we have in Christ, rather than the legalism that can gradually creep in, where hearts can be hardened and we seem to be obeying a set of rules rather than listening to the Holy Spirit and His promptings in our lives.

These can bring unnecessary pressure and stress. Legalism brings us into bondage, whereas Christ died to set us free. It is important in these days to be all out for Jesus and to take the opportunities God gives us to speak a word in season as we go about our daily lives. If we do, then God gives us more opportunities.

In my experience I have found there are people who are ready to listen when the opportunity arises. Remember, we are following a supernatural God who can do supernatural things. We all have a part to play in speaking a word in season or a kind action as we meet different people as we go about our daily lives.

The following sums up what I am trying to say.

Make a stand for Jesus

Make a way for God
Give Him all your praises
Give Him all your love.
He's the mighty conqueror
Lord of everything
Give a song to Jesus
Glory to our King.

Yield your life to Jesus
He'll make straight your path
Jesus King of Glory
Loved you from the start
He will bless and keep you
Make you sons of God
Trust Him for His goodness
He's our Lord and King.

Take Him as His word now
Let your heart not grieve
He will come to save you
Spare you from the wrath
His love is everlasting
To keep you from your sins
Glory Hallelujah
To our Lord and King.

Raymond Tijou

P.T.L.

Mission Update

Prison FELLOWSHIP

During May and June we are once again supporting Crawley Prison Fellowship (PF) with our Mission Giving. Peter Holloway the Chief Executive Officer of Prison Fellowship (England and Wales) will be preaching and telling us more about its work at the morning service on the 10th June.

More information is available at the Mission display area and there is an article in the May Good News.

If you would like to give towards this work please use the special mission-giving envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any of the Sunday services. Please complete a Gift Aid slip if appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to Lindfield URC.

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Arranging

Distributing

June

3rd	Lunch Club	Fiona Tingley
10th	Brian Tuppen	Sue Tester
17th	Carol Walters	Carol Marsh
24th	Carol Marsh	Meta Orchin

July

1st	Winifred Scopes	Jo Bloxham
8th	Betty Billins	Iris Bingham
15th	Heather Swann	Heather Swann
22nd	Fiona Tingley	Fiona Tingley
29th		Sue Tester

If anyone would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact Heather Swann

Around Lindfield

Saturday 2nd June

Lindfield Village Day

Saturday 9th June

2:00pm - Compton House Nursing Home

4:00pm Open Garden and Art Exhibition

Wednesday 13th June

12:15pm Tiger Arts - Lunch at Lindfield URC

1:00pm Concert at Lindfield URC :

Perdido Singers



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